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FULL STEAM AHEAD !

I suggest that before you read this article you should read the Annual Report, printed on another page. Even if normally you avoid the Annual Report as you would the plague, this time you will find it unusually interesting.

When the war began there was considerable doubt in some quarters as to the prospects of the B.E.A., and its work, and certainly for a while the situation had an adverse effect on our numbers and on the sale of books. Subsequently it was seen that there was no need for pessimism, and that we should be able to carry on and prepare for the future, but to some of us that did not appear enough : it seemed that an opportunity had arrived for a special forward move on novel lines. In 1941, the comparative cessation of bombing, and the interest already being taken then in post-war reconstruction, seemed to be promising, and a small experimental advertising campaign was sanctioned. It is interesting here to note a difference. On several occasions in the past we have had small advertising campaigns, but with comparatively little success. This was due to the fact that although we could announce the utility of Esperanto, we had nothing *definite* to offer to the interested reader which would call for immediate action on his part. Now we had something which might bring results, for just prior to the war Mr. Gething had prepared an attractive popular correspondence course, and it was decided to use this as the main feature of the campaign.

Even from the first the results were reasonably satisfactory, and as time went on we ascertained by experience just what type of advertisement appealed to the reader, and what type of periodical brought the best results. Enrolments steadily increased, and better still, the new course proved to be even more satisfactory than had been anticipated. Students completed it, many of them took higher courses, and a number even became tutors. A good proportion joined the Association, they purchased many books, and altogether the resultant income has considerably exceeded the expenditure. As a result, the Association is in a better position than ever before.

Shall we rest on our laurels ? Emphatically, no ! The time was never so ripe for a really big advance, and we ought to take full advantage of it. We propose to carry on the campaign on a considerably larger scale, and we appeal to members, both new and old, for their full support. The purpose of this article is to launch an appeal for £1,000 in 1944 for Advertising and Publicity. This sum would act as a sort of "capital", and the results would make it available for use over and over again. The amount has been suggested to us as a reasonable possibility, and while we do not think it is a goal to be easily reached, we do think that it can be attained if everyone does his best. We hope for an immediate generous response, as we should like to be able to give a satisfactory report of results to date at the Annual Meeting on May 13th.

Financial help is not everything. We do not pretend to possess a monopoly of brain-power at Headquarters, and we shall be glad to receive suggestions for advertisements, and of papers in which you would like to see them. Please remember, however, that we have now had considerable experience of what is likely to bring results, and the final decision as to what can effectively be used must be left to the Officers.

Our aim is to make the claims of Esperanto as widely known as is possible with our limited resources. I am writing these notes in the train, and the journey has reminded me of the little boy's remark, "Mother, what a lot of stations there are named 'Bovril'!". Perhaps we cannot make Esperanto as well known as Bovril, but we can do our best, and every member can do a little to help. All could use our Economy Labels, which would reach many people untouched by our advertising. We can supply a poster to any member who can get it effectively shown, *e.g.*, in canteens, shops, works, and other places. (Please state the size required; either 30in. by 20in. or 15in. by 20in. are available). Many members can arrange talks in clubs, works, and other places. In fact, let us do everything possible to ensure that people know that Esperanto is the only *practical* solution of the language problem, despite all the *theoretical* arguments at present used for other projects.

Finally, we give below a first list of donations received for the purpose this year. Let us put the B.E.A. firmly on its feet now, and so render possible activities of which so far we have only been able to dream. C.C.G.

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J. Chadwick ..		6	0	W. G. Wilson ..		6	0
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The British Esperanto Association (Incorporated)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1943

To be presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting
at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, 13th May, 1944

The Council are happy in being able once more to present a very satisfactory Report. The results of the year's working have justified the most optimistic hopes which any member is likely to have entertained even at the end of the promising year 1942: and that they should have been attained in the fourth full year of a great international conflict is a fact of excellent augury for the future. They should induce a feeling throughout our ranks that the tide is with us and that every advantage must be taken of the present favourable position.

The remarkable advance made during the year can best be illustrated by pointing out that the Subscription income of £646 is £114 more than in the previous year, and that Trading Profit, at £608, is £244 more than in 1942 and £378 more than in 1941. The gross value of Sales was £2,146, against £1,351 in 1942.

Donations to General Funds brought in £103, against £80 in the previous twelve months, and the "Standard" and Intermediate Correspondence Courses a net profit of £127, compared with £79. Several items of Expenditure, some of which are discussed later in this Report, show increases over 1942, but despite this fact and the charging against the year's revenue of £35 for Advertising, the deficit is only £78, as compared with £170 in each of the two preceding years, £245 in 1940, and £351 in 1939. Moreover, the deficits in 1940 and 1941 would have been £50 higher had not this amount been withdrawn on each occasion from the Sustentation Fund.

The Council have great pleasure in reporting that in anticipation of a low deficit they did not feel it necessary to make an interim call on the Guarantors during the year, and that they have now called up only one-half of the Guarantee, this being nearly sufficient to meet the deficit of £78 just mentioned. It is the first time in the history of the Guarantee Fund, in its present form, that anything less than a full call has been made; and the Council trust that 1944 may be at least equally satisfactory from this point of view.

Mention has been made of the charge of £35 for Advertising shown in the Revenue Account, and a few words on this point will be of interest. As explained in previous Reports, the finance of the "Popular" Correspondence Course—the subject of the Advertising campaign—has hitherto been dealt with outside the Revenue Account, and the item now shown is thus a new one. The actual state of affairs at the end of 1943 was as follows:—

Spent on advertising and printing from the inception of the			
campaign in 1941	..	..	£624
Received—			
Donations to Advertising Fund	..	..	£266
Profit on students' fees	..	..	£273
		—	£539
Deficit on Advertising Account at end of 1943	..	..	£85

Of this £85, the odd £35 has been cleared off by the present charge against revenue, the remaining deficit of £50 being carried forward. This amount is covered partly by the value of stocks of the Course on hand at the end of the year, and partly by the prospective receipts through advertisements which appeared too late to have any effect on current revenue and thus appertain properly to 1944.

Since the inception of the Course, some 500 of the students have become members of the Association (many in the higher categories), and no inconsiderable portion of the Trading profit and other receipts in the last two years has accrued from the interest in the language and the propaganda activity evinced by these keen and welcome adherents to our ranks. Enrolments for the Intermediate Course have come mainly from "Popular" Course students wishing to continue systematic study under a tutor; and many also proceed to the "Standard" Courses.

The total number of enrolments for the "Popular" Course up to the end of 1943 was 2,902: of these, 1,248 were received during the year itself, against 1,152 in 1942. It may be added that a French version of the Course was in preparation at the end of the year, and a special panel of competent tutors had already been recruited to deal with students enrolling for it.

It will be evident to our members, both new and old, that from all points of view the continuance of the advertising campaign is in the best interests of the Association and of the movement as a whole. The many generous donors to the Fund will note with satisfaction the demonstrated value of their efforts, and join with the Council in expressing their high appreciation of the work of our Acting Secretary, Mr. C. C. Goldsmith, whose expert administration has ensured the success of the enterprise.

But all Correspondence schemes would fail if it were not for the effective and conscientious work of the tutors. Not only do these valued collaborators help their students to progress in the language and to become keen supporters of the movement, but, as already indicated, their work has very materially assisted the finances of the Association. It is of interest to add that the number of tutors at the end of 1943 was 97 for the "Popular" Course, 24 for the Intermediate Course and 43 for the "Standard" Courses.

In his Report for the year, the Rev. W. J. Downes, Hon. Organizing Secretary of the "Standard" Courses, makes the following observations:—

"In concluding my Report last year I expressed the hope that the record set up in 1942 might be broken in 1943. That hope has been fulfilled so far as the total number of enrolments for the three "Standard" Courses is concerned. Last year the total reached the record of 95; this year it is 101—the first time that the number has exceeded 100. The most remarkable feature of the year has been the record number of applications for the Translation Course—more than twice the highest number in any previous year. Most of the applicants had previously worked through the Advanced Course. I interpret these facts as an excellent sign of the value which our students place upon our Courses, and of their growing desire to become masters of our language. The increasing number of well-trained, competent Esperantists bodes well for the future of our movement.

"During the year our tutorial staff has been enlarged to meet the growing demands. I express my sincere gratitude to these friends who have put their knowledge and abilities at our disposal, and also to those who may with honour be called 'veterans'. They have all done splendid service,

working without complaint to fullest capacity, maintaining undiminished their courteous help to their students and their cheerful loyalty to the Organizing Secretary and the movement they serve. I am happy indeed to have such a company of devoted colleagues".

To this the Council would add, that the great success of the enterprise results from the expert selection, guidance and co-ordination of the tutors and their work, which Mr. Downes has so long and devotedly carried on for the lasting benefit of our movement.

During the year the Council introduced new rules for the Diploma Examination, and appointed a number of additional Special Examiners for the Oral part, with which such Examiners alone are henceforth authorized to deal. The existing Examiners for the Written part (and the Examinations in general) have faithfully continued their unobtrusive but very important voluntary tasks, and it is appropriate here to express special appreciation of the work of the Controlling Examiners, Dr. D. R. Duncan, Mr. John Farrand and Mr. Alec Venture, who have now served in this capacity for a long period with conspicuous success.

Turning now to the year's expenditure, members will note a considerable increase in the cost of Salaries, which in 1942 was only £585. The increase was caused mainly by necessary additions to the staff owing to the growth in membership and trading activity: it will be realized that such factors are a normal concomitant of enhanced prosperity, and that there will be further additional cost under this head if our progress continues on present lines, not to mention the inevitable added expense that will be incurred (as pointed out in previous Annual Reports) when the Office returns to London and costs are no longer shared with the International Esperanto League—as they have been since the outbreak of war. A properly paid and efficient staff is the Council's aim, and so long as any increase in this or other essential items of expenditure is accompanied by a balanced Revenue Account there will be nothing to cause uneasiness.

Another item of expenditure calling for special comment is the cost of the Journal, which was about £70 higher than in the previous year. This is chiefly due to increased charges for paper and printing, and only slightly to the issue of a larger number of copies—though during 1944 this latter factor may weigh more heavily if the membership again grows at its recent rate. The Journal will not necessarily cost more per member, but it is evident that the actual outlay on its production must remain high so long as outside conditions remain as at present, and in any event will increase along with the membership.

As Editor of the Journal, Mr. M. C. Butler has once more had the difficult task, not of making bricks without straw, but of deciding how many and what type of bricks to make from a superabundant supply of varied material. The Council congratulate him on the results, and appreciate the attention he has given to the defects of certain linguistic schemes which it is the duty and privilege of our members to combat, and against which ammunition is required.

In this connection the Council are glad to feel that the publicizing of such schemes, and especially of the "Basic English" project to which prominence was given during the year by the Prime Minister, have offered many useful opportunities for Esperanto propaganda, and that our members have taken action accordingly in many and varied ways—frequently

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries				734	11	6	By Gross Profit on Trading				608	7	11
„ Rent of Library (net)	10	10	0				„ Membership Subscriptions	1117	13	9			
„ Rent at Heronsgate	48	0	0				Less paid to I.E.L.	471	2	4			
				58	10	0					646	11	5
„ 140 Holland Pk. Ave., W.11 (Domo)—							„ Affiliation Fees				21	10	0
Rates and Taxes	130	19	10				„ Donations (General Funds)				103	17	3
Interest on Bank Loan	23	17	0				„ Examinations (net)				10	8	9
Insurance and Sundries	21	17	5				„ "Standard" Correspondence Courses						
							(net)				75	17	4
	176	14	3				„ Intermediate Course (net)				51	12	6
Less Rents received	51	17	6				„ Interest (net)				65	6	1
				124	16	9	„ Deficit, carried to Capital Account..				78	0	9
„ Postage				86	7	4							
„ Printing and Stationery				127	12	4							
„ General Publicity				93	9	3							
„ Advertising (net)				35	10	3							
„ Office Expenses				89	7	4							
„ Sundry Expenses				27	9	2							
„ <i>The British Esperantist</i> , net cost ..				228	11	2							
„ Motor Car and Propaganda Expenses													
(net)	33	2	5										
Less Donations to M.C. & P. Fund..	32	0	0										
				1	2	5							
„ Depreciation				25	16	6							
„ War Damage Insurance				18	8	0							
„ Premises Fund				10	0	0							
				£1,661	12	0					£1,661	12	0

utilizing the reprints from the Journal and other material placed at their disposal by the Office. So far there is every indication that our "competitors" have not only increased public interest in the general question of an international language, but have also brought direct benefit to the Association—since those enquirers who investigate the position come to realize that Esperanto has already solved the problem in practice, and that theoretical solutions are of merely academic interest.

Mr. Butler's important propaganda work in the schools went on during a large part of the year, with results even better than those of 1942. As will be noted from the table published in the January–February issue of the Journal, he visited 104 schools, against 76 in the previous year, and sold over 10,000 copies of *Esperanto for Beginners* as compared with about 8,000; a figure markedly above that for the last pre-war year, 1938, despite the increase of the price from 2d. to 3d. a copy. Thanks to the £20 received locally by Mr. Butler towards his expenses (in addition, he was given generous hospitality on various occasions), and the £32 accruing from direct donations to the Motor Car and Propaganda Fund as shown in the Accounts, the net sum chargeable against revenue was negligible.

The cost of General Publicity during the year included, among many miscellaneous items, the issue of new leaflets and the reprinting of others, and also expenditure on special propaganda carried out from the Office in important quarters deemed to be worth interesting in our movement—either as offering a satisfactory solution of the language problem itself or as of particular value to education. This propaganda was considerably helped by the convincing exposition of the subject presented by Mr. E. D. Durrant in his book *The Language Problem*, which appeared during the year.

The Annual General Meeting was held in May at Southport by invitation of the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation, and, with the accompanying social gatherings arranged by the Federation and the Southport Society, proved to be a most successful and enjoyable occasion. Many more members were able to be present than in the earlier years of the war. At the meeting itself it was decided by a large majority to raise the annual subscription of an Ordinary Member to 6s. as from January, 1944—a measure which will help materially in compensating the additional cost of the Journal from that date onwards.

Several successful conferences were organized by Federations during the year, and though in some localities Group life was still suffering from war-time conditions, in others there was considerable activity, whilst numerous classes (some of them very large) were held in various centres, including Army and R.A.F. camps at home and overseas. Many of our members deserve high praise for their enterprise in this direction.

Fewer members lapsed than in recent years, and the number on the Register in all categories at the end of the year was the record total of 2,647, against 2,113 in 1942. Of these, 1,062 were Individual Members of the International Esperanto League. This is a good percentage, but nevertheless one which could usefully be increased, as such members receive the Year Book of the League (an excellent *propagandilo*, whether any other use is made of it or not) and are full participants in the organized world-wide movement. It may also be suggested that a larger number of members could benefit by subscribing to the League's official organ, *Esperanto Internacia*, which contains not only literary matter of a varied and interesting kind, but also, even in these times, information from many parts of the world.

Although the recent expansion of our membership is noteworthy, the total still represents only a fraction of the body of Esperantists in the country, and there is obviously scope for a much greater increase in the next few years. A membership of 5,000 may in any event be attainable at no distant date, but the Council feel that a minimum of 10,000 should henceforth be our aim. Such a figure would not only form a sound foundation for permanent financial stability, but it would also greatly facilitate the expansion of the advertising programme, and in this and many other ways would help the more rapid progress of our cause in all circles of the community.

The British Esperanto Association (Incorporated)

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ANNUAL CIRCULAR

Notice is hereby given that the Fortieth Annual General Meeting of the British Esperanto Association (Incorporated) will be held on Saturday, 13th May, 1944, at The Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, Birmingham, at 3 p.m. prompt.

AGENDA

- (a) Receive the Annual Report of the Council.
- (b) Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.
- (c) Receive the Report of the Secretary as Returning Officer on the Election of Officers and Ordinary Councillors.
- (d) Elect one or more Auditors for the ensuing year.
- (e) Consider as to place for holding the next Annual General Meeting.
- (f) Consider and, if necessary, take action with reference to any other business or motion of which due notice may have been given, or which the majority of those present and entitled to vote may determine to entertain, not being inconsistent with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of the new Council will be held immediately after the above meeting, at the same place, for the appointment of Sub-Committees and for other routine business.

CECIL C. GOLDSMITH
Acting Secretary

The following is a list of the present Council :—

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Due to retire in 1945 :

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Due to retire in 1946 :

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As the number of nominations is the same as the number of places to be filled, no ballot is necessary.

A NOTEWORTHY EXPERIMENT

In view of the claims widely made as to the value of Basic as a means of teaching English to foreigners—claims, as shown in our last issue (p. 82), not always borne out by experience—it is of interest to quote the following experience sent us by Dr. C. Sass, at present on the staff of Hemsworth Grammar School, who was himself one of the subjects of the experiment.

"From March to November, 1939, at Kitchener Camp, Richboro', Kent, there were some 3,600 foreign refugees. A number of teachers were provided to teach them English. They were taught Basic, but it was not explained to them that Basic was an abnormal form of English.

"The men easily learned the vocabulary, but found themselves unable to speak or understand normal English at all. Soon

the teachers of the classes in Basic found their classes getting smaller and smaller, while the classes of teachers who had dropped Basic for normal English grew correspondingly larger.

"After six to eight months' intensive teaching of Basic, it was found that only those had made progress in English who had contacts with English people for conversation, or who already had some previous knowledge of the language, or read many English books and magazines. The others knew the Basic vocabulary, but were nevertheless unable to speak, or understand, or be understood, in English.

"The Camp authorities then decided to use the Linguaphone method. That was the end of the attempt to use Basic for teaching the refugees English."

THE LOOM OF LANGUAGE

Frederick Bodmer. Edited by Lancelot Hogben. Allen & Unwin.

This volume contains much of interest and is well worthy of perusal. Limitations of space must however restrict comment to the section dealing with Esperanto; and here, unfortunately, much that has been written is unworthy of the writer and can only be excused as learned ignorance.

For instance: a three-line specimen of alleged Esperanto contains five mistakes and omits an essential word. It seems fair to deduce from this that author and editor have little practical knowledge of the language. Many of their "criticisms" further strengthen this belief.

It is also noticeable that all the books recommended to readers for further study are those written by opponents of Esperanto. Works which state the case for Esperanto are ignored.

We find criticism of a number of specially selected Esperanto root-words which are stated to be insufficiently international and therefore not guessable, or of unsuitable national origin because of Zamenhof's "fear of national susceptibility". The word "**kafo**" is placed in this category. "**Sesono**" and "**fosilo**", though logical and clear, are objected to as similar in sound to "season" and "fossil". And so on.

It is therefore instructive to turn to Interglossa (the creation of Mr. Hogben) for illustrations of the "clarity" recommended, viz. :—

<i>ovi</i> = sheep, mutton	<i>aetio</i> = blame, guilt
<i>homo</i> = just as	<i>eu</i> = virtue, right
<i>auto</i> = oneself	<i>lyso</i> = separate
<i>hypo</i> = under	<i>pedio</i> = youth
<i>sui</i> = pig, pork,	<i>phaeo</i> = brown
bacon, ham	<i>xheo</i> = flow, tide

Esperanto affixes are frowned upon, but in their place the author of Interglossa offers us separate "vocables": *an, fe, pe, mu, ca, do, ru*, etc.

<i>auto-lo</i>	=	hejmo
<i>leuco-li</i>	=	diamanto
<i>u natio-lo</i>	=	lando
<i>geo-ma</i>	=	mineralo
<i>poda-ve</i>	=	pantalono
<i>gossypi-te</i>	=	muslino
<i>un aero strategio-pe</i>	=	akrobato

The writer or writers of this chapter erroneously state that Esperanto is an inflected language. One must charitably assume that they do not know that our affixes are independent roots, and that Esperanto is in fact an agglutinative language.

We come across evidence of loose reasoning and thinking. *E.g.*: "Novial is the latest arrival. Naturally it is better

than Esperanto or Ido. Because it had the advantage of coming later it could scarcely be otherwise." On this strange theory it follows that next year's prodigy will of course put Interglossa in the shade.

"We have to learn **-i** for the infinitive, **-as** for the present indicative, **-os** for the future". Remarks of this sort are numerous and apparently intended to prejudice the reader against Esperanto. A moment's reflection shows the futility of such comment. Alternative means of indicating tenses are of course possible, but we shall "have to learn" these no less than the Esperanto forms. Interglossa offers us the following "improvements":—

<i>Mi no nun acte re</i>	=	mi ne faras tion
<i>Mi no pre acte re</i>	=	mi ne faris tion
<i>Mi non acte re post-di</i>	=	mi ne faros tion
		morgaŭ

It would be easy to fill pages with comparisons of this kind. It is regrettable that a work which purports to be a scientific statement of language problems should show little evidence, as far as Esperanto is concerned, of any attempt to give an objective presentation of the facts.

Two or three months' study of Esperanto, plus a few days at one of our International Congresses, would have saved quite a lot of paper, and maybe all the labour spent on evolving Interglossa. On the other hand, we should probably never have learnt that Esperanto would by now be dead and buried had it not been that after the Great War "the wave of pacifist sentiment which swept over the world gave it new momentum."

A final sad thought: Mr. Hogben's language is offered as an improvement on Basic English. Sic transit . . . !

N. H. C. MACPHERSON

LONDONA ESPERANTO-SPIRITISTA SOCIETO

Je 16 Januaro okazis en Londono Spiritista Diservo en Esperanto. Ĉe posta aferkunveno oni decidis fondi la suprenomitan societon. Prezidanto: Colin Evans, B.A. Sekretario: S-ino M. C. Major, 140 Holland Park Avenue, W.11 (al kiu skribu por detaloj pri estontaj kunvenoj).

L.E.S.S. celas provizi eblecon studi, eksperimenti, kaj diskuti, pruvitan postteran vivon, okazigi Diservojn kaj aliajn kunvenojn tiucelajn, kaj publikigi pri la temo en Esperanto. Rajtas membriĝi ĉiu, kiu akceptas, aŭ deziras esplori, la pruvojn pri post-tera vivo, kaj estas preta utiligi Esperanton por tiu celo. Kotizo: 2/6 jare. Nur membroj rajtas partopreni seancojn.

Diservo Spiritista: 26 Mar., 3.30; 23 Apr., 6.30; ĉe 18 Chepstow Villas, W.11.

ESPERANTO AND OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

The Society of British Esperanto Teachers held its Annual Meeting in London on 1 January, under the presidency of Miss J. Rowlandson, Ph.D., followed in the afternoon by a public meeting on "The Introduction of Esperanto into the Educational System of Britain". The discussion was opened by Mr. R. W. Hamilton, M.A., M.Litt., Headmaster of Hemsworth Grammar School. Here is a summary of what he said.

My main thesis is the difficulty of proving to the teaching world the value of Esperanto as an instrument in education. There are two main ways in which this can be done :
 (a) To get Esperanto recognized as an examinable subject in the School Certificate ;
 (b) To get Esperanto into the curriculum of the New Secondary Schools to be set up by the new Education Bill.

(a) As to the School Certificate examination, the position is briefly this : 35 years ago, the Oxford Local set papers in Esperanto for three consecutive years. The experiment was not repeated in the fourth year. The only reason for this seems to have been the lack of candidates in those early days.

In 1939 the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board was asked to permit candidates to be examined in Esperanto. The request was refused. Again, in 1943, a similar request was made. The Board asked for a suggested syllabus and question papers. Before this could be done, however, the Secondary Schools Examinations Council refused to sanction this experiment. No Examining Authority can set papers in a new subject unless this Council first gives its consent. Hence the only way to get Esperanto into the School Certificate is to convince the Secondary Schools Examination Council that the experiment is worthy of trial.

The S.S.E.C. is composed, apparently, of Secondary School Masters and Mistresses, Headmasters, and Headmistresses of Secondary Schools, and Representatives of the various University Examining Boards. The only way, therefore, of influencing such a Board is by proving to them that there is a very large number of people in the education world who would welcome an experiment in Esperanto as an examinable subject in School Certificate. Briefly, the present position seems to be that the S.S.E.C. will not permit the Examining Boards to admit Esperanto, because it believes there is no real demand for such a subject from the schools as a whole; while the schools as a whole hesitate to teach the subject, because it is not examinable in the School Certificate.

It is possible that a petition or "Round Robin" signed by large numbers of teachers of all grades and by other people of standing in Education might influence the S.S.E.C. to change its mind. The S.B.E.T. has something like this in mind, and may itself have something to say on this problem later on.

(b) The second line of attack, "Esperanto as a subject in the New Secondary Schools", was suggested by a pamphlet issued jointly last August by the Association of Headmistresses Incorporated, the Incorporated Association of Headmasters, and the National Association of Head Teachers, in which these three bodies, representing the Heads of Secondary and Elementary Schools, published their findings on their enquiry into the Curriculum of the New Secondary Schools. I append below a few observations on this Memorandum.

What is to be taught in the New Secondary Schools will depend very largely on the views of the Headmasters and Headmistresses and the Staffs of these schools. Their Governors, too, will have an important part in the shaping of the curriculum. Such people are well known to Esperantists, and no time should be lost in seeing that they do not remain in ignorance of the very great rôle Esperanto can play in the education of our young people.

Here, then, are two ways in which we may put Esperanto "on the map" as regards our schools. Support for the first way must come mainly from the teaching profession itself, but every Esperantist, no matter what his or her rôle in life, can give whole-hearted support to the second method. Let us remember Zamenhof's words :

Eĉ guto malgranda, konstante frapante, traboras la monton granitan.

MEMORANDUM ON THE CURRICULA OF THE NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The A.H.M.I., the I.A.H.M., and the N.A.H.T., in their enquiry into the curricula to be suggested for the New Secondary Schools, consider that three aims should direct the curriculum of the new type of Secondary School. The first of these aims, they say, should be "to develop a spirit of intelligent goodwill, and the conviction that the world can be

made a good world in which there is a place for every decent, kindly, industrious person." If this expression means anything, it must refer to the world as a whole. This is where Esperanto is extremely valuable. In a very short time all the children of all nations could be put in touch with one another (a) by correspondence, (b) by actually spending holidays together. These two results of a study of Esperanto are not theories, they are facts. The benefit from direct correspondence and actual living together accrue to a few fortunate children only. How much greater will be the benefit, both to the children, and to the whole world, if such possibilities are open to all children !

In paragraph 6 the Committee wants a group of subjects in the "core" to develop the knowledge, skill, and emotional attitude, required later, and to provide data from which to make a choice of optional subjects. Here again Esperanto will be a valuable medium. Experience in teaching it, and the simplicity of its structure, guarantee that almost all children will make some progress. A study of it will develop linguistic sense and give indication of ability to tackle a foreign language with success. The study of Esperanto will also aid their study of their own language, and help them in its pronunciation. It will widen their knowledge of the world (that is, geography) by direct acquaintance with children in foreign countries.

In paragraph 8 it is stated : "The Committee is not unanimous as to the desirability of every child studying a foreign language". Presumably this means that the Committee does not think every child capable of learning a foreign language. How will this be found out ? After due trial and waste of time ? It is interesting to note that the I.A.H.M. recommends for pupils in the Grammar Schools of today, that after two or three years of language study those of no linguistic ability should at the discretion of the Headmaster be allowed to drop it. How much better to give them two or three years of Esperanto, when long before the two years are up it will be clearly shown which pupils have linguistic ability ! Such pupils might well drop Esperanto then, and concentrate on other languages. The others should go on with Esperanto in order to derive some of the advantages which their more fortunate brethren will get through the study of a foreign tongue.

It is quite certain that practically all children of average ability can learn Esperanto, and can therefore have the wider experience which accrues to all who can tackle a foreign language. My 20 years' teaching experience leads to the conclusion that to attempt to teach French or any modern foreign language to the children who at present attend the Senior Elementary Schools is a sheer waste of time. This is proved by the fact that very few such schools do teach modern languages even to-day, and that where they attempt to do so, the result is generally a fiasco. The Committee suggests a foreign language as a part of the "core". For the great majority of children in these schools such a study would bear little fruit. It would undoubtedly lead to a distaste for languages, and for foreigners in general, and tend to exaggerate the barriers ; whereas Esperanto would break them down.

The implied suggestion in the "Inquiry" that "A" and "B" streams could do two foreign languages—the Committee are unanimous that "C" and "D" could not manage a second foreign language—will not bear investigation. In our secondary and grammar schools to-day the great majority of School Certificate candidates present only one foreign language, because they are considered incapable of managing two. How much more so will it be with the pupils in the New Secondary Schools, *i.e.*, in the Senior or Modern Schools of to-day ! All the evidence points to the possibility that many of them will not be able to tackle one foreign language, let alone two.

Esperanto, as a foundation upon which to build language learning, has many advocates among educationists. In visualizing two-way transfer between the New Secondary School and the present day Grammar School, it is extremely important that the syllabus should contain a foreign language common to both types. Otherwise, ability to learn a modern language might well become the deciding factor of a child's transfer. In Grammar Schools to-day many science students find language learning difficult, and many of them have either to give up University careers in science, or else to be helped over the language hurdle by extra coaching, or by concessions from the examining body.

To sum up :—Esperanto will (1) Help to realize the first of the aims visualized by the Committee ; (2) Provide data for the choice of optional subjects ; (3) Indicate those children who have a definite linguistic sense, and help develop it in others ; (4) Provide "C" and "D" streams with the training and extra skill which it is thought will accrue to the "A" and "B" streams through the study of a second foreign language ; (5) Give every child the opportunity of direct communication with foreigners, and in even greater measure than will accrue to those who study only two languages ; (6) Facilitate the transfer from one type of school to another ; provided, of course, that Esperanto is taught also in at least the Junior Forms of the present Grammar and Secondary Schools.

LOCAL NEWS

Cheltenham—The annual report summarizes much good work. Financial position excellent.

Croydon—Esperantists are welcome at the International Language Club, 20 Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon, at any time; especially in the evenings. Refreshments available 9.0–11.0. *Portu la stelon.*

Eastern Federation—Conference on 8 April, 3.0, at 1 Third Avenue, Chelmsford, by kind invitation of Miss M. Hogben, from whom details may be obtained.

Eccles—On p. 90 read *Chinese Brains* Trust.

Edinburgh—Annual General Meeting, 12 April, 29 Synod Hall.

Erith and Woolwich—A report for 1943 by the Delegate (E. R. Penny, 21 Woodland Way, S.E.2) shows much good work done, the high-light being a Zamenhofa Festo (15 Dec.), with a very varied programme. 65 attended. Book-sales over £12.

Glasgow—Meetings at Highlanders' Institute, Elmbank St., Mon., 6.30–7.30, followed by a class. 27 March, A.G.M. 3 April, Elementary Examination.

Gravesend—On 17 Jan., at a public demonstration arranged by the Co-operative Youth Club, Mr. Scrivener stressed the importance of international friendship and the utility of Esperanto to this end. Miss Nora Baker spoke in Esperanto.

Halifax—Fortnightly meetings are well attended. Reports appear regularly in the local press.

Harrogate—Classes in St. Peter's School.

Huddersfield—The group is increasingly lively and vigorous. We hear that this is not unconnected with the *nova sekretariino*: "tre ĉarma persono". Attendance reaches 25. An appreciated feature is singing from the *Kantaro* and the *Kantlibro*.

Kirkcaldy—Zamenhof Day (15 Dec.) was celebrated by a meeting of Esperantists from all over Fife. Esperanto spoken throughout. "Zamenhof Day" says the Fife Advertiser "is to the Esperantist what a Burns night is to the Scot." A feature of the evening was an address by a Polish Officer stationed in Falkirk.

Lancs and Cheshire Federation—The Annual Report shows steady progress and an excellent financial position. President: W. B. Currie.

Leamington Spa—Class at the Technical Institute, Mon., 7.0–9.0, under Mr. L. E. Cresswell.

Letchworth—Class under Miss S. V. Reed, 200 Nevells Rd. A window display attracts much attention.

Leicester—Mr. P. Muscamp, President of Leicester French Circle, in January advocated Esperanto as an international language. Basic, he said, would arouse national disharmonies.

London—At the City Literary Institute's Literary Forum, 8 Jan., a debate on "De we want an International Language, and if so, what?" Mr. P. Wright spoke for Esperanto, Mr. Marsh for Interglossa, Dr. Follick for Reformed English, and Mr. Dainow for French. After discussion and replies, the voting was as follows: Esperanto 28, Reformed English 9, Interglossa 6, French 3, Straight English 1, No Language 1. Apparently Basic had no supporters.

Londona Diservo—At St. Ethelburga's, 72 Bishopsgate, at 3.0, on 12 March, when the speaker will be Rev. V. A. P. Hayman, and on 9 April (Easter Sunday).

London Club—Fridays, 7.0, at 153 Drummond St., N.W.1. Mar. 3, Nirvano kaj Paradizo. 10, Kantoj kaj Ŝaradoj. 17, Libro-recenzoj. 18 (Sabato): 3.0, Dancfestoj (Biletoj 1/6). 24, Esperanto en 1960. 31, Kamparano en urbego. Aprilo 7, Nenia Kunveno. 14, Amuzaĵoj. 21, El la ĉapelo. 28, Teatra vespero.

London, N.11—The North London Esperanto Club re-opens 7 March, 7.0, at Friends' Meeting House, 51 Waterfall Rd. (Arnos Grove Stn.). Visitors invited.

Manchester—25 Mar., Esperanto en la Lernejo (S-ino Atherton). 29 Aprilo, Telefonio (E. Revell). 2.30, ĉe 64 George St., Manchester 1.

Mitcham—Class at Western Rd. School, Thurs., 7.0, under auspices of Mitcham Youth Esperanto Group. Teacher: A. Venture.

Nottingham—Meetings: 3rd Thurs., 7.0, at Adult School, Friar Lane. Classes: Wed. and Tues., 6.45, at 9 Wellington Circus.

Poole—Je 12 Dec., modela Zamenhofa Festo, bone ĉeestata, kun prelegoj, kantoj, ludoj, teatraĵoj: ĉio en Esperanto.

St. Helens—On 16 March, 7.30, at Y.M.C.A., North Rd., Prof. W. E. Collinson will speak on Basic English. The Director of Education will take the chair.

Sheffield—The Esperanto Society and Central Club has 25 members, of whom 20 are members of B.E.A. Weekly meetings have been held regularly. Three classes: under Mr. Clayton (Co-op. Centre, Napier St.), Mr. King (Hartley Brook Scouts), and Mr. Bramwell (Woodseats Guides).

A Public Debate on 8 Jan., "International Language: Esperanto, Basic, or What?" attracted over 100. A class will probably result. Good Sales. Sec., Miss Garraway, 43 Sydney Rd., Sheffield 6.

South Midlands—Federation Conference : Saturday, 15 April, 3.0–7.0, at Cherry Tree Inn, Welwyn Garden City.

South Wales and Monmouth—Federation Meeting : 18 March, 3.0, at Cardiff Y.M.C.A.

Yorkshire Federation—70 attended the conference in Leeds on 5 February. Mr. Hirst was elected President, Mr. Beaumont Secretary. Book Sales: £5–10–0. On the proposal of Mr. Bramwell it was decided to form a Propaganda Committee and a Linguistic Advisory Committee.

"An International Youth Week-End" is arranged for Saturday afternoon, 25 March, and the whole of Sunday 26 March, at Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Rd., S.E.1. The programme includes an International Social, Re-education of German Youth, Voices of Many Nations, Youth Brains Trust, and (on Sunday afternoon, 2.30) a Debate on *International Language : Basic or Esperanto?* at which the case for Esperanto will be put by Miss Margaret Jay, M.A.

In the evening: resolutions; and Mr. Vernon Bartlett, M.P., on *Post-War International Relationships, and what youth can do to break down Barriers*.

"The Cornhill Magazine"—The January issue (2/6, John Murray) contains an article *Against Basic English* by Rose Macaulay, which attracted approving comment from James Agate in a recent B.B.C. talk. It is a spirited attack, none the less powerful because it is also eminently readable.

S.P.E. Tract No. XLII. Basic—G. M. Young. 44 pp., Clarendon Press, 1/6. This is a serious criticism of Basic from a literary point of view. Basic, says Mr. Young, is an attempt to construct a code language by the constriction and deformation of English, and a code language is not a living language. It is a system of dodges to avoid the acquisition of normal English, and can never be improved into real English; most assuredly there can be no Basic literature. Is it a language which you can and do think in? Any speech which (like Basic) exaggerates the part of the noun at the expense of the verb is bad speech. Basic is in a peculiar degree a deformation of English, and will give the pupil an altogether misleading notion of real English, while its narrow vocabulary makes it unserviceable as an instrument of discussion outside a strictly limited range. It is a stunted acrobat, whose contortions may be excused, laughed at, or pitied, but certainly not imitated by those born to the free enjoyment of their natural strength.

Islamo : Ĉies Religio—Mohammad Taufiek Ahmad. *Tradukita de Eleno Vinfero*. 16-paĝa broŝureto, ŝajne senpaga, ĉe *Das Tablegh-el-Islam*, P.O. Box 112, Kairo, Egiptujo.

Simpla klarigo pri la principoj de Islamo: klare verkita, kaj en modela Esperanto. La unua Islama propagandilo en nia lingvo.

Esperanto Grammar and Commentary—Major-General George Cox, B.A. 372 pp., Fourth Edition, reprinted, with list of corrections. Price 7/6, postage 6d.

Another mnemonic—Rekta keglo, ruliĝanta kuglo.

Other howlers—La rigardis el la fenestro kaj segis la fianĉinon. La floroj mensogas sur la tablo.

Neglected positives (pp. 75, 88). "In Esperanto no such problems arise"! Ĉu vere ne? Kiu intencas fari malbonon, tiun oni nomas *maliculo* (Sent/24/8). Kiu intencas fari bonon, ĉu tiun oni nomas *iculo*? (G. C. Jervis).

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Congratulations to Dr. W. Phillipp on gaining the Licentiate of the B.E.A. That a blind man should pass this examination, which requires not only a very thorough knowledge of the language, but also a wide knowledge of its history and literature, is itself a most remarkable feat.

The British Association of Blind Esperantists (Sec., P. Wallace, 104 Kingsway, Newcastle-on-Tyne 4), has issued its Ninth Annual Report. Both this body, and also the fund for the magazine *Esperanta Ligilo* (Sec., P. Merrick, "Penso," Shepperton), are in a sound state financially: funds for the latter being held in trust till it can be re-issued at the end of the war.

Propono propaganda. Mi proponas, ke kiam ni parolas al ne-Esperantistoj, de tempo al tempo ni enŝovu en la parolon iun aŭ alian ofte uzatan Esperantan frazeron. Post kelka tempo oni kutimiĝus al la sono de la lingvo: oni fariĝus scivolaj pri ĝi, kaj eble kelkaj ĝin lernus.

Ĉiu Anglo komprenas *Oh, yeah! Cheerio, Ta-ta*, k.t.p., kaj tiajn esprimojn oni facile lernas, kvankam ĝustadire ili ne estas Anglaj. Kial oni ne lernu ion utilan? Se ĉiu Esperantisto agus laŭ mia propono, tia agado povus esti efika (E. Grout).

NI KANTU !

This is the story of a war-time experiment in Bristol.

In the summer of 1942 we decided to form an Esperanto Choir. A suitable room with a piano was rented, and after taking stock of the available voices (about sixteen), and with Randolph Tovey's experience to guide us, we set to straight to work on two evergreen favourites: *Dolĉa Vent'* and *Ho, Kie estas Brava Kor'* ?.

The result was encouraging, and enthusiasm grew. A crop of folk-songs from different countries enlarged our repertoire. Translations by Stella Toogood and Norman Lock, arrangements by Gilbert Davis and R. Tovey, and loyal co-operation by all, contributed to the success of our venture. Stimulus was given by periodical concerts (which are a feature of our group life). Guy Tardoff gave many hours to duplicating music, and Fred. Catley served us generously as accompanist.

Though black-out and call-up have reduced our numbers, we carry on, as we believe this work to be of real value.

(a) It provides a practical and happy medium for using the language.

(b) Esperanto is at its best when sung, and a choir is a good advertisement.

(c) By making music together we help to create some of the harmony too often lacking in modern life.

We should be happy to contact other groups, and to collaborate with isolated musical Esperantists. Suggestions, MSS, and translations, will be welcomed by the writer, L. Gordon Watson, 41 Logan Rd., Bishopston, Bristol 7, who is the Choir Sec.

Even apart from the formation of a choir (which we heartily recommend to groups), Esperantists are slow to realize the help which the singing of good songs may be to Esperantist life, and are too apt to confine their repertoire to "La Espero", or to a mere song-sheet. The Tolworth Group owes much of its life and success to the fact that half-a-dozen songs are sung at each meeting; some 200 songs from the "Kantaro" being performed in the year.—ED.

"Notes on the Teaching of Esperanto" will be continued when space permits.

Many articles are unavoidably held over.

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February 5th, 1944

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In attendance—The Acting Secretary, the Education Secretary, Mr. H. Jacks.

New Fellow—Mr. J. Hartley (Manchester) was elected a Fellow of the Association.

Special Examiners—The following additional Special Examiners were appointed:—H. Bramwell (Sheffield), Miss R. A. Davey (London), H. W. Holmes (London), C. Simon (Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.), G. Stewart (Glasgow).

Ballot List—Three nominations for Ordinary Councillors for 1944–47 had been received, and as only three of the retiring Councillors wished to stand again, this made up the necessary total of six for election. The Council re-nominated the retiring Officers, and approved the Ballot List for publication.

Accounts and Annual Report for 1943—The audited Accounts were received, and passed for publication together with the Annual Report, a draft of which had been submitted by the Officers.

Advertising Campaign—In view of the excellent results of "Popular Course" advertising during the past three years, the Council sanctioned a scheme put forward by the Acting Secretary for an extension of this form of publicity, and it was agreed to launch a special appeal to raise £1,000 for this purpose in 1944.

Other subjects dealt with at the meeting included the Guarantee, the Annual General Meeting, The Wandsworth Borough Esperanto Institute, and Staff matters.

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CECIL C. GOLDSMITH, *Acting Secretary*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1944

As announced on another page, this will be held at the Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, May 13th. The arrangements are as follows:—

- 3 p.m. Annual General Meeting.
- 5 p.m. Tea (*see below*).
- 6 p.m. Meeting of the Council.
- 7 p.m. Social evening.

Tea will be obtainable **only** by those who have purchased a ticket from the B.E.A. office **before May 6th**. The cost will be 2/–, including gratuities.

Accommodation for the night can be obtained at the Grand Hotel, the rate being 15/– bed and breakfast (13/– each doubles). Cheaper accommodation can be obtained at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street (from 12/6), or at the Arden Hotel, New Street (from 9/6). Applications should be sent to the hotel manager in each case, and not to the B.E.A.

It is hoped to arrange for some foreign Esperantists to be present and speak at the evening meeting. Members who intend to be present, and could help in providing the evening entertainment, are asked to let the B.E.A. Secretary know as early as possible.

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Bracegirdle—Je Java milit-kaptitejo, Philip Bracegirdle, antaŭe Vicdelegito en Eastbourne. Fervora laboranto.

Chilvers—Je 22 Januaro, Leslie Chilvers, Nottingham, 36-jara. Kelkajn jarojn membro, kaj aktiva laboranto.

Clayton—Je 5 Januaro, S-ino A. M. Clayton. Dumviva Fratulo.

Hartley—Je 21 Dec., J. W. Hartley, Burnley. Subtenanto dum multaj jaroj.

Musgrave—Je 27 Januaro, S-ino E. Musgrave, Kasisto de Bath Esperanta Societo. Ŝia agema personeco longe restos en la memoro de ĉiu, kiu ŝin konis.